has been already merged with erstwhile Trade Fair Authority of India with effect from 1st January, 1992 under the name of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

Simplifying procedures to promote Export

1927. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have simplified the procedures to promote export of items ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Review & simplification of the procedures relating to imports and exports is a continuous process and changes are made as and when considered necessary in public interest.

Action Plan for Boosting Exports in View of Dunkel Proposals

1928. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what 'action plan' has been drawn for boosting agricultural exports in view of the Dunkel Proposals ;

(b) if not, whether Government is contemplating some action plan to boost agriculture exports ;

(c) whether the State Governments will be taken into confidence while formulating this plan ; and

(d) the reasons for banning exports of many agriculture produce in this area of export promotion and liberalisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) GATT Agreement on Agriculture is beneficial to India as it will provide increased market access to our agricultural commodities in other parts of the world.

Government attaches great importance to the export of agricultural commodities and has, therefore, been giving a special thrust in this area. It is however, the policy of the Government to allow export of items of mass consumption only in a manner which does not compromise our food security system. With this objective in view, Government prescribes, Minimum Export Price (MEP) and/or quantative ceilings in respect of wheat, coarse grains, sugar, mustard seed and rapeseed.

While finalising the Agriculture Policy Resolution, the Ministry of Agriculture has consulted the State Governments. This Resolution also recognises the potential and importance of export of agricultural commodities.

आयात तथा निर्यात में संतुलन

1929. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 8 फरवरी, 1994 के "फाइनेंशियल एक्सप्रेस" में "इंडिया इन दि वर्ल्ड ऑफ ट्रेड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश के निर्यात तथा आयात में कोई संतुलन नहीं है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश का आयात निर्यात से अधिक है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या सरकार इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुंची है कि देश में आयात केवल निर्यात को बढ़ाने के लिये ही नहीं किया जा रहा है बल्कि यह देश में उपभोग के लिए भी हो रहा है;

(च) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;